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ESTABLISHMENT OF BIO TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has informed the Government about the need to establish Bio-Technology Council on the lines of Indian Medical Council to tackle the situation arising out of implementaion of the GATT in the country; and

(b) If so, the views of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) & (b) The information on the need to establish a Biotechnology Council has been received from FICCI as a part of the suggestions on improving the quality of teaching and training in biotechnology received for the National Biotechnology Policy. Many suggestions have been received in the context of formulation of the policy. The committee constituted for making recommendations on the policy is looking into all the suggestions including the establishment of Biotechnology Council to tackle the situation arising out of implementation of GATT.